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1. In June 1948 Le Thanh Nhan [redacted] an actively pro-French Vietnamese in Bangkok, founded the Association Libre des Etudiants Democratres (ALED). [redacted] The principal attractions offered to prospective Vietnamese members by the ALED are educational facilities and an employment service. A wide variety of courses is listed in the prospectus of the new organization but the only known active class at present is a course in English. The ALED has offered four six-month scholarships for the study of photography in Manila, two of which have been granted. It is hoped that in the future scholarships will be offered for study in France but this is for the moment deemed unwise.
2. The Viet Minh in Bangkok does not regard the ALED as a very serious menace as it believes not more than 2 or 3 percent of the Vietnamese population of Bangkok will be "traitors". The Viet Minh estimates that the ALED has so far recruited about 30 persons and is not making much further progress. Unaffiliated Vietnamese sources estimate that the ALED has recruited about 20 persons.
3. Le Thanh Nhan went to Saigon on 23 July 1948. He carried with him a large quantity of medicines, especially penicillin, for sale in Saigon in order to bolster his own finances as well as to partially support his pro-French activities in Bangkok. The principal purpose of his visit to Saigon, however, was to obtain an enlarged budget from the French and to recruit assistants in order to better conduct the affairs of the ALED.

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